



Corrections Standards Authority

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Quarterly Activity Highlights

April – June 2006

CSA Welcomes New Executive Director

On May 5, Governor Schwarzenegger announced the appointment of C. Scott Harris, Jr. as Executive Director of the Corrections Standards Authority. Mr. Harris has 30 years of law enforcement experience with the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department and most recently served as Chief Deputy for Administrative Services. In addition to a Bachelor of Arts Degree and Juris Doctorate degree, he holds a California lifetime teaching credential in Police Science.



Facilities Standards and Operations (FSO) Division

Facility Inspection Process: FSO staff **inspected 76 local adult facilities and 29 local juvenile facilities** for compliance with minimum standards outlined in Titles 15 and 24 of the California Code of Regulations. A total of 40 jails were also monitored for compliance with state and federal requirements governing adult facilities that detain juveniles.

Regulation Review Process: The rulemaking package for the Minimum Standards for Local Juvenile Facilities has been sent to the Building Standards Commission and Office of Administrative Law. The **public comment period** is from July 14 through August 28, 2006. The first public hearing is scheduled for August 23 in Santa Ana; a second public hearing is scheduled for August 28 in Sacramento.

Local Detention Facility Construction: The CSA paid over **\$8.9 million in construction grant** reimbursement funds to seven California counties. These funds support the construction of local detention facilities such as the **Fresno County Juvenile Justice Facility** dedicated on May 19. Staff reviewed 10 sets of architectural plans for compliance with Title 15 and 24 regulations. Statute requires the CSA's review of plans and specifications for the construction or remodel of local detention facilities if the cost of the project exceeds \$15,000.

Other Activities: In addition to providing training for members of the California Environmental Health Association, FSO staff participated in regional jail and juvenile facility manager meetings throughout the state and continued to be actively involved in CDCR's Avian Flu Pandemic Department Oversight Committee.

Corrections Planning and Programs (CPP) Division

Title II Formula Grants Program: Staff developed a **draft Request for Proposals (RFP)** for approximately **\$7 million** in federal funds that will be awarded by the CSA, on a competitive basis, for locally developed projects focusing on five priorities: gangs, substance abuse, mental health services, gender specific services, and aftercare/re-entry. Staff will present the draft to the CSA at its meeting in July.

Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC): In an ongoing effort to provide technical assistance to the Title V grantees whose projects focus on reducing DMC, the CSA's DMC Coordinator conducted a **two-day workshop** featuring Mr. James Bell, Executive Director of the W. Haywood Burns Institute and a nationally recognized leader in devising and implementing strategies to reduce DMC. Chief probation officers, project staff and key stakeholders participated in the workshop, which was sponsored in part by the **Santa Cruz County Probation Department**. Staff also developed a draft RFP for the Enhanced DMC Technical Assistance Project and will present it to the CSA board at the July meeting.

Title V Community Prevention Grants Program: The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) notified the CSA that it **approved California's 2006 funding application**. The award is \$56,250, significantly less than prior years due to a reduction in the amount of federal funds dedicated to this program. Staff **approved applications from the seven current grantees** for second year funding of their delinquency prevention projects.

Juvenile Accountability Block Grants Program: OJJDP notified the CSA that it **approved California's 2006 funding application** and awarded the state \$4 million for efforts to combat serious juvenile crime. Staff finalized agreements with **27 counties** eligible for "set aside" funding because they fell below the minimum threshold for a direct allocation. Staff also initiated the contract process for **39 cities and counties** that are eligible for a direction allocation in 2006-07.

Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act: Staff reviewed and **approved the annual applications** submitted by the 56 counties participating in this state-funded initiative, which supports locally developed programs that have proven effective in reducing crime and delinquency among at-risk youth and young offenders.

Juvenile Probation and Camps Funding (JPCF) Program: Staff finalized **program agreements** with the 57 counties opting to participate in this program, which provides over \$201 million in state funds for probation services targeting at risk youth, juvenile offenders, and their families. Staff also **issued applications** for the 2006-07 JPCF funds.

Proud Parenting and Youth Centers/Shelters Programs: Staff **conducted 14 monitoring visits** of youth centers and shelters and initiated the process to continue funding the 14 Proud Parenting projects, which have expanded to include **classes for DJJ parolees** at parole offices in Fresno, Riverside, West Covina and San Fernando Valley.

Other Activities: In addition to participating in a planning session for an upcoming Jail Diversion Workshop sponsored by the California State Sheriffs' Association, staff presented evaluation findings from the Mentally Ill Offender Crime Reduction Grant Program to the Department of Mental Health's Planning Council.

Standards and Training for Corrections (STC) Division

STC Training Manager's Course: The **Orange County Probation Department** hosted a presentation of the Training Manager's Course during the month of April. STC staff provided instruction to participants in the identification of training standards and reporting requirements related to Title 15 of the California Code of Regulations as well as STC Policies and Procedures.

Standards Setting for CDCR: The Job Families Project has been renamed to the **Job Component Analysis Project**. STC staff has been actively working with research staff from California State University, Sacramento on the design and methodology that will be used in setting selection and training standards for the various peace officer classifications within CDCR.

Instructor Development Courses: STC staff **presented two 16-hour Instructor Development Courses** during the month of May to participating staff in **Sacramento County** and **San Bernardino County**. These courses are designed for the purpose of developing in-house instructors for local agencies.

Core Instructor Development Course: Staff conducted this eight-hour course, which is designed to assist local instructors in the planning and development of their core training courses, in **Riverside, Orange, Santa Barbara, and Kern Counties**.

Manager/Administrator Core Course (MACC): The 25th MACC was completed in Sacramento on April 28, 2006 with 28 graduates of various city and county agencies.

Calendar of Upcoming Events July – September 2006

July 6:	California Association of Probation Institution Administrators (CAPIA), Central Region, Merced
July 11-13:	Chief Probation Officers of California (CPOC) Meeting, Lake County
July 13:	CAPIA, Northern Region, Napa County
July 18-19:	Grand Jury Training by FSO Staff, Fullerton
July 19:	CSA Board Meeting, Sacramento
July 25-26:	Grand Jury Training by FSO Staff, Sacramento
July 28-29:	Grand Jury Training by FSO Staff, Redding
Aug. 1-2:	Grand Jury Training by FSO Staff, Concord
Aug. 3:	CAPIA, Central Region, San Benito County
Aug. 10-11:	Grand Jury Training by FSO Staff, Sonora
Aug. 21-25:	Probation Command College, First Session, Sacramento
Aug. 28-Sept. 1:	Manager/Administrator Core Course, Sacramento
Sept. 7:	CAPIA, Central Region, San Joaquin County
Sept. 8:	CAPIA, Southern Region, Ventura County
Sept. 14:	CAPIA, Northern Region, Solano County
Sept. 19-20:	CPOC Meeting, San Diego County
Sept. 20:	CSA Board Meeting, Orange County
Sept. 20-23:	California Probation, Parole and Correctional Association Annual Conference, San Diego
Sept. 25-29:	Probation Command College, Second Session, Sacramento
Sept. 26-27:	Core Instructor Development Course, Santa Barbara